

INDIANA IS SPLENDID
IN ITS DIVERSITY.
FROM SAND DUNES
AND BEACHES IN THE
NORTH TO ROLLING
HILLS AND THE OHIO
RIVER IN THE
SOUTH, OUR STATE
IS TRULY A BEAUTI-
FUL PLACE TO CALL
HOME. FIND OUT
WHAT YOU CAN DO
TO KEEP IT THAT
WAY.

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The IDEM logo, featuring the word "IDEM" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, with "INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT" in a smaller font to its right.

THE PROBLEM - OPEN DUMPING

OPEN DUMPING, THE ILLEGAL ACT OF THROWING TRASH AND WASTES IN PLACES OTHER THAN LANDFILLS OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES, IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN. IT THREATENS BOTH OUR LANDSCAPE AND OUR HEALTH. THE DUMPING OF OLD APPLIANCES, FURNITURE AND CONSTRUCTION WASTE CAN BLIGHT OUR BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS. AND THROWING OUT TRASH, TIRES AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN SPREAD DISEASE, CONTAMINATE SURFACE WATER AND LEAD TO RODENT CONTROL PROBLEMS.

QUITE SIMPLY, THE RISKS ARE TOO GREAT.

THAT'S WHY IDEM IS WORKING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CURB OPEN DUMPING. BUT... WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

THE SOLUTION - YOU

WHAT CAN YOU DO? ONE WORD: EDUCATION. KNOWING WHAT YOU CAN OR CAN'T DUMP OR BURY CAN PLAY A BIG ROLE IN HELPING KEEP INDIANA'S ENVIRONMENT SAFE.

WHAT'S ALLOWED?

- UNCONTAMINATED ROCKS, BRICKS, CONCRETE, ROAD DEMOLITION WASTE MATERIALS OR DIRT.
- UNCONTAMINATED AND UNTREATED NATURAL GROWTH SOLID WASTE INCLUDING TREE LIMBS, STUMPS, LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS.
- SAWDUST THAT IS DERIVED FROM PROCESSING UNTREATED, NATURAL WOOD.

WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED?

- X HOUSEHOLD BUILDING DEBRIS
- X CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE
- X HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- X APPLIANCES
- X FURNITURE
- X TIRES
- X PLASTIC
- X CARDBOARD
- X HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHO PAYS? - HEALTH, BEAUTY AND MONEY

SEPARATE FROM HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, THE MONETARY IMPACTS CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL. VIOLATORS OF INDIANA'S OPEN DUMPING LAW CAN FACE A FINE OF UP TO \$25,000 A DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION, A SUM THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE FINES OR PENALTIES THAT LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS CAN IMPOSE. THE BOTTOM LINE: IT PAYS NOT TO VIOLATE THE LAW.

INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL RULES STATE: "NO PERSON SHALL CAUSE OR ALLOW THE STORAGE, CONTAINMENT, PROCESSING, OR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN A MANNER WHICH CREATES A THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE CREATING OF A FIRE HAZARD, VECTOR ATTRACTION, AIR OR WATER POLLUTION, OR OTHER CONTAMINATION."

WHAT YOU CAN DO - RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

REGULATED SOLID WASTE MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A STATE PERMITTED FACILITY. THESE INCLUDE LANDFILLS, TRANSFER STATIONS, INCINERATORS OR

RECYCLING FACILITIES. PRIVATE OR MUNICIPAL WASTE HAULING BUSINESSES SERVE MOST COMMUNITIES IN INDIANA.

CITIZENS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES SUCH AS PAINT, CLEANERS, TIRES AND OLD APPLIANCES.

IDEM ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGES HOOSIERS TO RECYCLE EVERYTHING THEY CAN. INSTEAD OF BURNING, BURYING OR DUMPING, TRY REDUCING, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING.

TRY:

- BUYING IN BULK TO REDUCE PACKAGING WASTE;
- HAULING GLASS, ALUMINUM AND PLASTICS CONTAINERS, NEWSPAPER AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD TO THE RECYCLING CENTER INSTEAD OF THE DUMP AND
- TURNING YOUR LEAVES, GRASS, WEEDS, KITCHEN SCRAPS AND BRUSH INTO COMPOST.

TO REPORT AN ILLEGAL DUMP: CONTACT IDEM BY PHONE AT (800) 451-6027 OR (317) 308-3040 OR BY MAIL AT 100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206-6015.

CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES! INFORMATION ON OPEN DUMPING AND OTHER LAND-USE ISSUES:

[WWW.IN.GOV/IDEM/LAND](http://www.IN.GOV/IDEM/LAND)

INFORMATION ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

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